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SUBJECT: FISHERIES RESEARCH GEAR, ETC.

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FOLLOWING FROM PRICE LEWIS, NSF POLAR:

1. ARGENTINE REACTION TO TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT PER PARA 1 REF (A) IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THEY WOULD LIKE MORE PARTICULARS ON EQUIPMENT AND ITS CONDITION. I MAY RETURN BUENOS AIRES FROM SANTIAGO ABOUT 13 JUNE IF NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THIS AND IF SUCH RETURN CAN BE MADE WITHOUT INCREASED TRAVEL COST. END ARRIVAL D.C. WOULD NOT CHANGE.

3. REQUEST OR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF U.S. SCIENTISTS ON JAMES ROSS AND SEYMOUR ISLAND RECEIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

3. ISLAS ORCADAS WILL NOT START CRUISE 1 PRIOR 5 JULY. FINAL DECISION ON CRUISE DATE DEPENDS ON CONSULTATION AFTER SHIP ARRIVEL HERE. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE OF DECISION. MY ESTIMATE IS ABOUT 10 JULY AS A REASONABLE TARGET DATE. SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL CAN BE ACCOMODATED ON BOARD SHIP UP TO 10 DAYS PRIOR SHIP DEPARTURE.

4. FYI: 5 ARGENTINE SCIENTISTS BOARDED ISLAS ORCADAS AT VALPARAISO AND OPERATED SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE TO PUERTO BELGRWFO. ALL GZIORTS FAVORABLE. END FYI.

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5. HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION REGARDING ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENT OF MARAMBIO. THIS IS GOING FORWARD ON A WELL PLANNED BASIS WITH GOOD SUPPORT. SUGGEST THAT OUR BEST ASSISTANCE NOW WOULD BE IN THE LIAISON BETWEEN ARGENTINE OPERATIONS IN ENGINEERING PERSONNEL WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE U.S. AND CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS. EXAMBPLE WOULD BE VISIT BY ARGENTINES TO CRREL, NCEL, HOLMES & NARVER & BECHTEL ACTIVITIES.

6. PLAN DEPARTURE B.A. EARLY 6 JUNE FOR USHUAIA THENCE TO PUNTA ARENAS ABOUT 9 JUNE. ONWARD TO SANTIAGO ABOUT 10 JUNE. MONTLLOR

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